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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the restriction and/or election requirement in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 1-24 are pending in the present application. The Office Action restricts the invention to one of the following:

- (i) Claims 1-4, 13-19, and 24, drawn to that which is illustratively depicted in Figs. 2-5;
- (ii) Claim 12, drawn to that which is illustratively depicted in Fig. 6;
- (iii) Claim 11, drawn to that which is illustratively depicted in Fig. 7;
- (iv) Claim 5, drawn to that which is illustratively depicted in Fig. 8; or
- (v) Claims 6-10, and 20-23, drawn to that which is illustratively depicted in Fig. 9.

In response, Applicants provisionally elect, *with traverse*, to prosecute claims 1-4, 13-19, and 24, along with any newly added claims drawn to the same species. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of the non-elected claim(s) in divisional or other continuing application.

With regard to Applicants traversal of the restriction requirement, Applicants respectfully note that if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions (MPEP 803). Accordingly, as the Action fails to demonstrate a serious burden on the Examiner with respect to searching and/or examination of the entire

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application (MPEP 803.02, 806.04(a), 808.01(a), and 808.02) in view of the admitted interrelationship of the features/elements defined by the various claims, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement and examination of the entire application on the merits are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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